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FOR D/HA FRANK SIEVERS

E.O. 11652: XGDS-3  
TAGS: MILI, US, VN  
SUBJECT: US/VN RELATIONS: MIA

1. MRS. BRIGGS OF THE CONNECTICUT BRANCH OF THE LEAGUE OF FAMILIES JUST CALLED ABOUT HER FRIDAY, HOUR-LONG MEETING WITH DO THANH. SHE ASKED ABOUT FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE MIA, PARTICULARLY HESFORD CASE. DO THANH KEPT AFFIRMING THAT THERE WERE NO LIVE PRISONERS, BUT WHEN CONFRONTED WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF DONALD FOX AND RON DODGE, HE SAID THAT, AT THE TIME OF THE SON TAY RAID, PRISONERS WERE WIDELY DISPERSED IN SMALL NUMBERS, AND SOME COULD BE IN REMOTE CAMPS FROM WHICH THE GOVERNMENT HAD RECEIVED NO REPORTS. IN THESE CASES THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT KNOW WHAT HAPPENED. DO THANH SAID HE WOULD WRITE TO HANOI, AND IF HE RECEIVED ANY INFORMATION WOULD SEND IT TO HER. WHEN BRIGGS COMPLAINED ABOUT THE SLOW PACE OF INFORMATION, 20 NAMES EVERY 6 MONTHS, DO THANH GAVE THE USUAL REPLY THAT US GOVERNMENT SHOULD HELP SRV GOVERNMENT ALSO.

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2. COMMENT: MRS. BRIGGS, WHO IS OF FRENCH ORIGIN, SPOKE FRENCH WITH DO THANH, AND SHE WAS QUITE SURE THAT DO THANH WAS NOT REFERRING MERELY TO A LACK OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF DEATH OF PRISONERS. WE DOUBT THAT DO THANH INTENDED TO LEAVE THE IMPRESSIONS THAT SOME PRISONERS MAY BE ALIVE IN REMOTE CAMPS, BUT

MRS. BRIGGS MAY MAKE A REPORT TO THAT EFFECT TO  
THE LEAGUE OF FAMILIES.  
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